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Sir:

- I, Robert D. Vanderminden Sr. of Granville, New York hereby declare as follows:
- 1. I am the sole inventor named in this pending patent application.
- 2. The attached drawing entitled TILT-ASMY-1, dated January 26, 2000 corresponds to Figs. 2 and 3 of this application.
- 3. The attached drawing entitled "TILT LOWER-WOOD" dated February 24, 2000 corresponds to Figs. 4 and 5 of this application.
- 4. The attached drawing entitled "TILT UPPER-WOOD" dated February 24, 2000 corresponds to Figs. 6 and 7 of this application.
- 5. The attached drawing entitled "TILT-CATCH" dated April 6, 2000 corresponds in part to Figs. 8 and 9 of this application.
- 6. The attached drawing entitled 'TILT LOWER-ALUMINUM" dated February 24, 2000 corresponds in part to Fig. 10 of this application.
- 7. The attached drawing entitled "TILT UPPER-ALUMINUM" dated February 24, 2000 corresponds in part to Fig. 11 of this application.
- 8. The attached drawings evidence the conception of the claimed invention of the present application prior to January 11, 2001.

9. An umbrella incorporating the tilt mechanism illustrated in the attached drawings was sold prior to January 11, 2001 as evidenced by the attached computer print outs of order #630631 dated 12/06/00 (two pages).

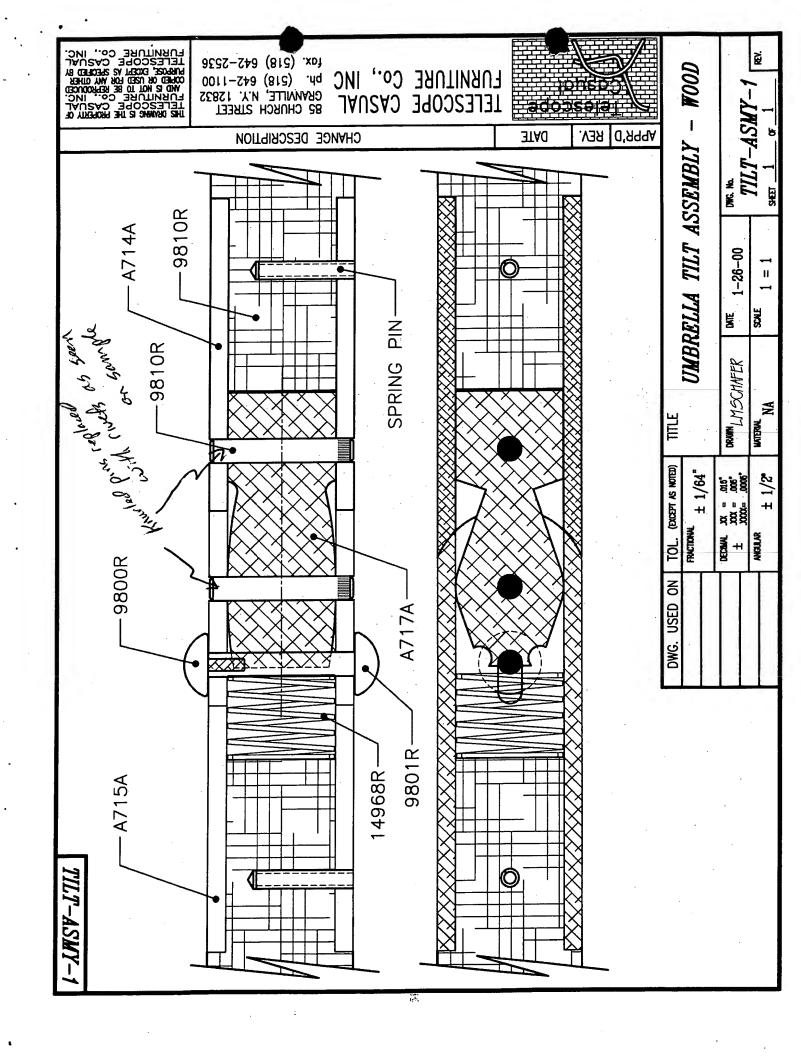
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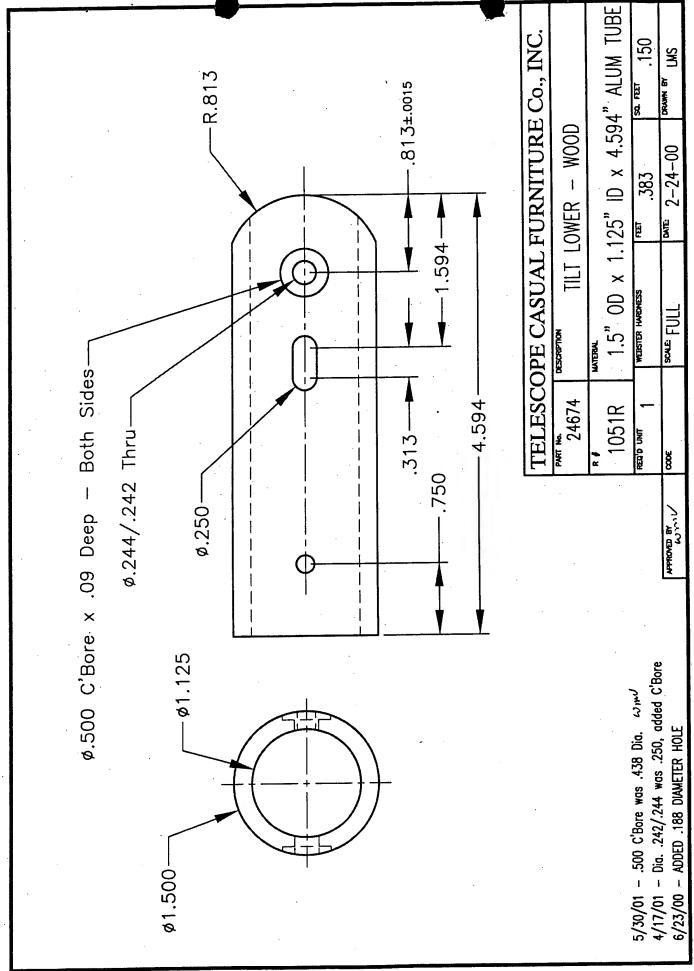
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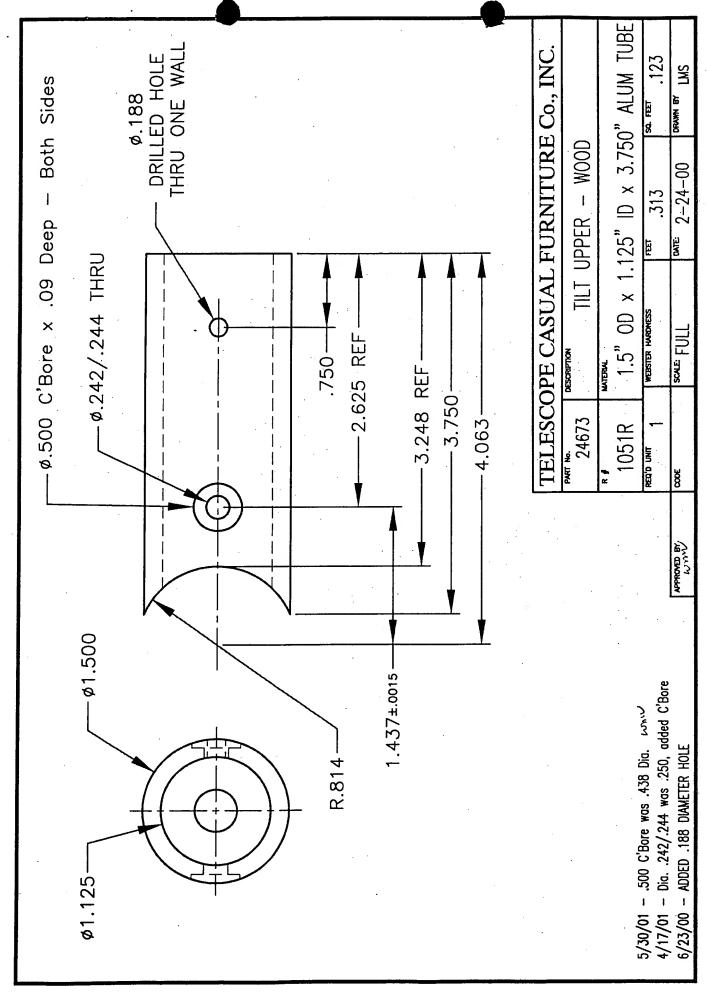
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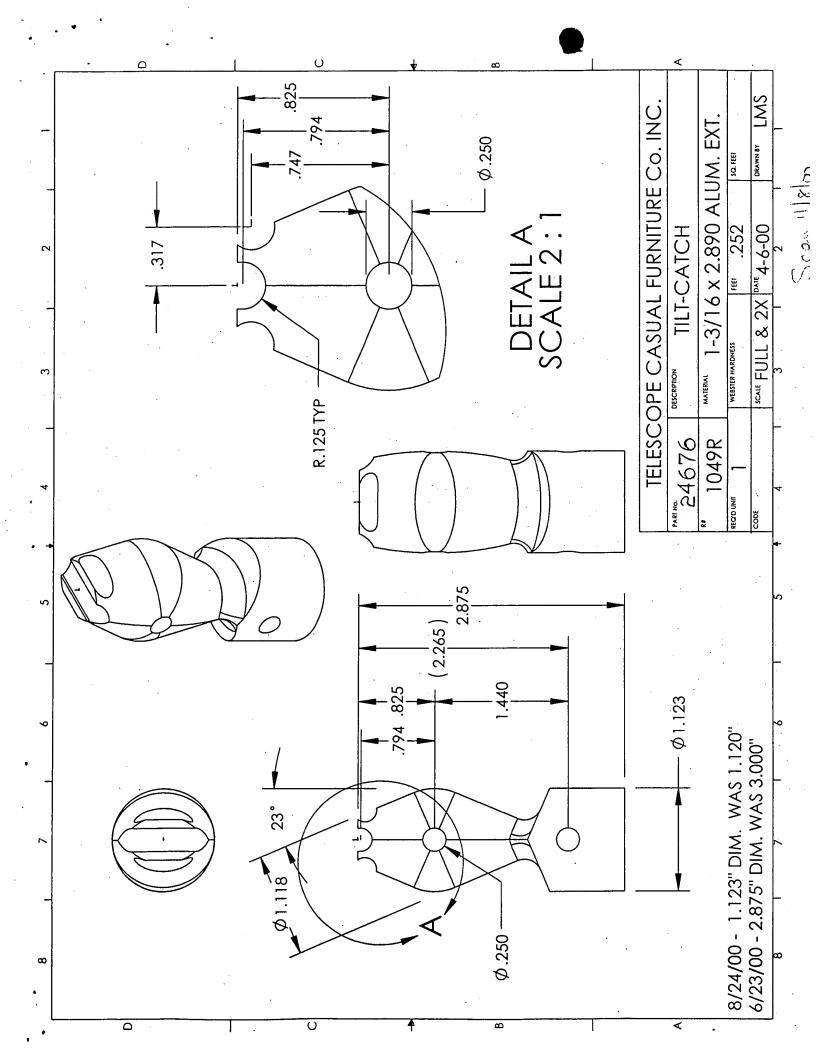


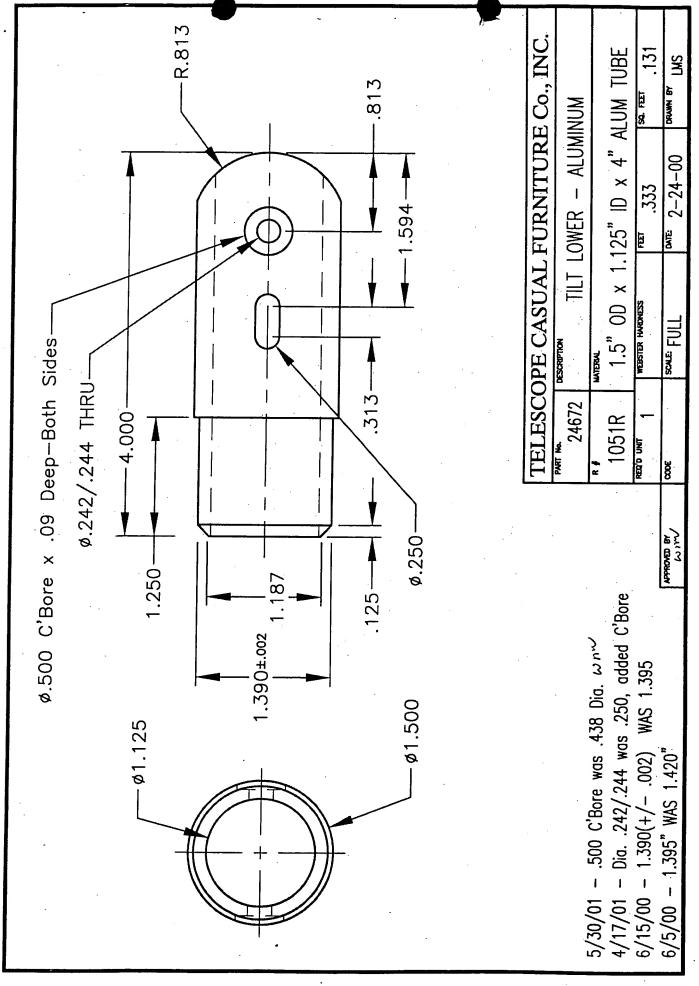


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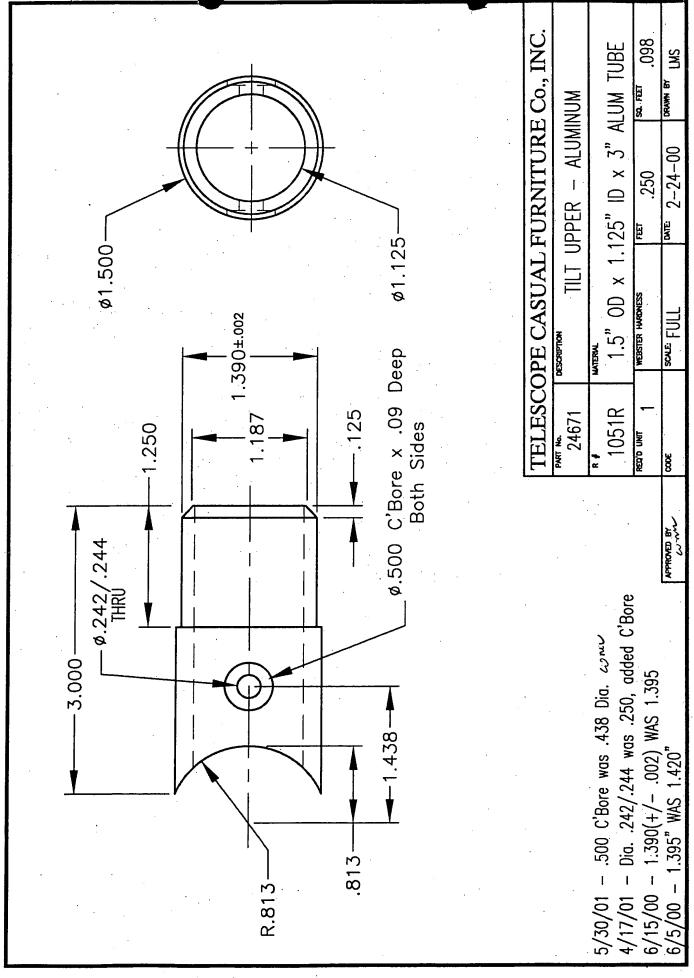


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